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For: Tool Position Indicator

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This preliminary amendment is being filed in connection with a new, Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) claiming priority from copending U.S. Application No. 08/756,257, filed November 25, 1996. Please enter the following amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee examination:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3-5, 17, 19-21, 23-25, 27, 28, 30 and 33-35.

Please insert the following new claim:

36. An apparatus comprising a tool for use in connection with surgery, means for determining the position of the tool relative to a desired position of the tool, and a display disposed on the tool for indicating differences between the position of the tool and the desired position of the tool.--